

form ecological considerations. This should be kept in view before scheme for development for various uses are drawn up.

10. Navigation possibilities should be explored in water requires development project at the planning stage and if techno-economic found feasible, should be included as a project component.

11. For large scale adoption for non-conventional irrigation methods like drink sprinkler etc. research on its technical and economic sustainability under diverse agro-climate and farming situations needs to be adequately strengthened.

12. There is a need for the improvement in the production efficiencies of water for different crops. Future requirement of water should be estimated accordingly on a realistic manner.

13. A common acceptable definition of waterlogging needs to be evolved and data collected Statewise and project-wise to rationalise the data base. In order to reduce waterlogging, irrigation supplies during Kharif season should be monitored and ground water should be used for Rabi crops as far as possible.

14. A National Seminar on "Allocating priorities for supplying water to various crops specially in water deficit areas" needs to be organised.

15. Government of India and States may advised to introduce in the curricula of secondary school education, a subject on water conservation and proper utilisation.

Manufacturing of Paging system by Moterla corporation of U.S.A.

7053. SHRI S.B. THORAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news report appearing in Political observer, New Delhi Edition dated March 13, 1992 regarding backing out by Moterla Corporation of USA regarding manufacturing of paging system;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(c) the facts of the matter and action taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIP.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The report quoted in the paper is not factually correct. The manufacturing of the Paging Systems will be governed by the liberalised policy of the government for manufacture of telecom equipments.

[Translation]

Scheme to promote Deep Sea Fishing.

7054. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are formulating any scheme to promote deep sea fishing; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A number of schemes has been formulated to promote deep sea fishing and fish processing during Eighth Five Year Plan which inter-alia includes schemes for equity participation in deep sea fishing and processing; providing interest

subsidy on loan for acquisition of trawlers; providing assistance for diversified fishing providing assistance for setting up facilities for processing tuna and other fish; and setting up of national marine Fishery Development Board.

[English]

Korba Project of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited

7055. SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the raw material being supplied to Korba project of the Bharat Aluminium Company Limited in Madhya Pradesh as per their requirements;

(b) if so, the yearly requirements and the supply thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the arrangements being made for the regular supply of the raw material;

(d) whether the production capacity is being fully utilised; and

(e) if not, the steps being taken in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Bauxite ore, the main raw material for aluminum production, is supplied to the Korba plant of Bharat Aluminium Co. Ltd. (BALCO) as per their requirement.

(b) and (c). Against the yearly requirements of 5.5 lakh tonnes of bauxite ore at Korba, 2 to 2.5 lakh tonnes are produced at the captive mines of the Company. Since the captive mines of BALCO are getting fast depleted and cannot meet the full require-

ment, the balance quantity is met presently through purchases from outside sources.

(d) BALCO has achieved a high level of utilisation about 93%, of the installed capacity of aluminum production at Korba Plant.

(e) In view of reply to part (d), question does not arise.

Fruit Processing Plants during Eighth Plan

7056. SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed any target to set-up fruit processing units in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) While no target has been fixed for setting up of food processing units during the Eighth Plan, it is estimated that installed capacity for fruit and vegetable processing industries during the Eighth Plan is likely to increase from 9.50 lakh tonnes to 20 lakh tonnes.

Gas Based Power Project In Gujarat

7057. SHRI DILEEPBHAI SANGHANI:
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:
SHRI RATILAL VARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up more